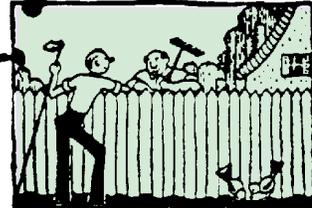




# The Garden Spray



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## February's Dinner Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2001

Dinner: 6:30 PM ; Business: 7:00 PM ; Program: 7:30 PM

Location: Lake Harriet United Methodist; 49th and Chowen Avenue South

Cost: \$9.00 if reserved in advance, \$10.00 at the door if extra meals are available.

Reservations are necessary.

Call in your reservation if you are not on the permanent reservations list.

See page 11 for reservation and cancellation details.

### The Program

The topic will be about late winter gardening and early signs of Spring. As an added bonus, he will discuss how global warming is affecting Minnesota.

### The Speaker

Our February 13 speaker will be Jim Gilbert. Jim currently serves as Linnaeus Arboretum director and campus naturalist at Gustavus Adolphus College. He is author of Jim Gilbert's *Nature Notebook* and also author of *Through Minnesota's Seasons* with Jim Gilbert. Additionally, he is co-author of the Minnesota Weather guide/Environment Calendars. He also serves as the consulting naturalist for WCCO Radio and is a retired Hopkins High School environmental science teacher.

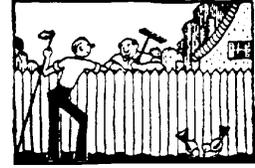


**This is a program you don't want to miss.**

## Future Club Events

February 13: Dinner meeting  
March 20: Dayton Bachman Show  
April 10: Dinner meeting  
May 8: Plant Sale & Auction  
June 12: Dinner meeting  
July 19-22: National Convention

August 12: Club Tour  
August 18-19: Flower, Food & Foto Show  
September 11: Dinner meeting  
October 9: Dinner Meeting  
November 13: Dinner meeting  
December 4: Holiday Party



# Editorial Enticements

Here we are at the month of February. As you know this month is usually cold and stormy in our area as well as the rest of the north. But the air is often crisp and the clouds occasionally give way to the sun. This gives us hope that spring is not far away.

William Cullen Bryant said this another way:

The February sunshine steeps your boughs,  
And tints the buds and swells the leaves within.  
This again gives us hope that spring is coming.

What else does February have to do with gardening? Of course we have our house plants and it is the time to start those annuals with the long germination times and those perennials that flower the first year and we in the north treat as annuals. It is also the month that many say the primrose is the flower of the month.

February in some people's mind is also the month of love. A priest named Valentine disobeyed emperor Claudis II and married young soldiers. Another Valentine was also imprisoned because he refused to worship the Roman gods. It took until 496 AD before the Pope named February 14 as St. Valentine's Day. Now look what has happen to February 14th.

Horticultural aspects affected the people in early days of the first millennium. Early in the 1700's unmarried women pinned bay leaves to their pillows as charms so to see their future husbands in their dreams. If nothing else, their pillows smelled good. There were also verses repeated by young women to make their true love appear. One verse was:

I sow hempseed  
Hempseed I sow.  
He that loves me best,  
Come after me now.

It would make more sense, that maybe they smoked a little of that hemp to see their beloved.

In any case, maybe this all started the giving of flowers to your favorite friends, spouses or other loved ones which makes a much better gesture. Also flowers brighten those dreary days of winter. So I say to you *It is time to : plan your gardens , view those catalogs, and think spring .*

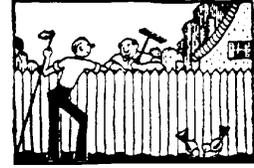
## Historian Wanted

Our club has a history rich in events and contributions to encourage horticulture for our members, our cities, our state, and even our country. We need a volunteer to step forward to be our historian. It would include keeping our current historical records, gathering current records, keeping them in an organized manner, and possibly even an occasional report to the club on significant historical events. There is no current job description so you can define how to do what you do. A tidbit of information gathered from our records: Our club was chartered with 18 members on October 1, 1942.

If you have any interest in serving in this capacity, please contact Margaret Hibberd at 651-644-8149.

## Future Board meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 7:30 PM  
Board of Directors meeting  
Warren Nordley's house



# President's Column

*MGCM President Carole Ann Brekke*

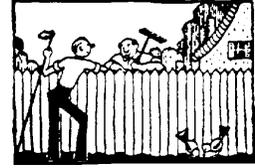
I enjoy all of our Minnesota seasons! There is a time to plant, a time to watch our gardens grow, a time for the harvest and a time in winter to plan and rest. I look forward to winter and taking time for other passions when my garden is not demanding my attention. I like life at a slower pace; attending my new quilting class, reconnecting with my sewing machine and leisurely reading my gardening and sewing magazines plus a new subscription to National Geographic. This winter I tried taking cuttings of a few coleus plants to propagate, as Bob Stepan described, during last January's program. I am learning about damping off when a fungus that killed some cuttings overnight, while others seem to be flourishing. My jungle cactus spent the summer outside last year. Chuck told me those beige colored bumps covering the plant, are mealy bugs or scale and I am trying to deal with them. Four years ago as a 55th Anniversary gift I gave Jim and Adeline two amaryllis bulbs. After Jim's terminal illness, they were dug from his garden last summer and returned to me. They sat in a brown bag for a week before they were planted. They are now enjoying my sunny south patio door. The red plant bloomed at Christmas and the white one with a red edge has five beautiful blooms at this time. These plants have bloomed out of doors every summer and inside every winter for those four years Jim cared for them. I hope my TLC will be enough for these beauties. Several years ago, a friend brought back from her vacation a plant she purchased "especially for me" at an Arizona garden center. Its

blooms resemble a very small rose colored straw flower. It goes outside every year, and it is doing okay. I am sure it would rather be in Arizona. I still care for the giant peace lily given to Doug after his bypass surgery and two orchids from Steve Gonzales. As gardeners, our work is never done. We enjoy tending to the needs of each of our plants, whatever the season may be.

This summer several of you will be asked to share your garden with those attending the National Convention. I hope the weather will cooperate with your efforts and the convention attendees will be blessed with our Zone 4 gardens. Duane Reynolds and his committee have been hard at work for many months. They have worked on the schedules, menus, speakers, our web sight and they toured the convention location, Holiday Inn Select located near the Mega Mall. Everything is coming together. Soon, we will all be asked to help. Whether you are available for the entire convention, or can only help once: there is a place for everyone. We will have "Gardening fun in 2001"

.....If I'm missing,  
check my garden!  
Carole Ann





# Last Months Program

By Lloyd Witstock

## Chelsea Garden Show and More

As Peter Olin and Lloyd Weber narrated their combined slides, they bantered over the exact identity of the specimens in an odd-couple pairing that brought to life a May tour to England, sponsored by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

After some preliminary slides on the Tower of London and Tower Bridge, our visual tour hit its stride with an amazing selection of slides from Wisley, the garden of the Royal Horticultural Society. The moist and temperate English climate nurtured 15 foot shrubs/trees which Peter and Lloyd thought were viburnums until they got closer and identified them as rhododendrons and azaleas such as the red 'John Cairns.' Another big plant at 3 1/2 feet turned out to be a primrose, *Primula grandifolia*. By alternating middle-distance slides with close-ups of the flowers, we shared their discovery process.

Lloyd identified one red-topped specimen as an *abutilon vitifolium* (flowering maple). More familiar but still impressive for their condition and color were the beautiful red hot pokers and four foot alliums, while a large-flowered, decorative leaved rhubarb was new to us.

Wisley also contained a four acre rock garden, packed with "things you've never seen before," as Peter described these collections from around the world. Various demonstration gardens highlighted the British use of walls and small, sheltered spaces in design.

Moving along, the tour discovered Winkworth Gardens, site of Lloyd's

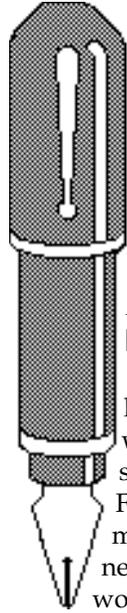
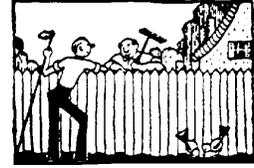
favorite item, the *Davidia* or handkerchief tree with its large, pale bracts and flowers. Hillier Arboretum is a recent addition (1953) built from a family nursery and featuring pink and white blossoms of tree peonies and the "spectacular colors" of the rhododendron and azalea walk. Here too the Peruvian "poor man's umbrella plant" (*Gunnera manicata*) shows its huge basal leaves.

Beautiful plantings at historic properties were also displayed—Salisbury Cathedral, Hyde Place and the 17th century Starhead. Roses ran up the sides of stone sheds and houses. Little pavilions on the grounds intended for the amusement of the idle rich carried the now obscure use of the word "follies." Hidcoat included a beechwood, or stand of beeches. The reputed house of Ann Hathaway was also impressive in its extensive home garden, yet it was typical of many home plantings today, as their slides revealed.

Also historic, Kew Gardens was impressive from Palm House to Princess of Wales Conservatory with its 15 distinct climates. Still outside of London, Hampton Court of Henry VIII fame was impressive in many ways, including the "living archway" lined with yellow flowers of *vaburnum*, which was typical of the British use of live and cut branches for staking and structure in the garden. Here too a grapevine dating to 1769 has outlived four greenhouses that sheltered it and is now encased in number five.

Finally, Chelsea! But first came the Chelsea Physic Garden. Peter reminded us of the link between gardens and herbal medicine. At the 15-acre flower show grounds itself, millennial pavilions replaced the tent city which arose each May on the fields behind the Royal Chelsea Hospital. Slide after slide fea-

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# Board Meeting Summary

Margaret Hibberd, Secretary

All members were present

## President's report:

Carole Ann presented a letter from Adopt a Garden where MGCM could be a sponsoring partner at the State Fair by planning, planting and maintaining a garden. This is a new program and we decided she would get more information to help us decide if this is a project for us to do now. We discussed success in receiving the Spray via email. All Board members now have email. Most Board members printed it with no trouble, 2 had a little trouble and 1 could not print it, so this seems like a lot of good progress for the first month of email delivery.

## Vice Presidents report:

Warren has the monthly programs mostly complete through May. February will be naturalist Jim Gilbert. March is the Dayton-Bachman show. April will be an explanation and promotion of the Perennial Garden with Mary Lerman of the Minneapolis Parks and Neil Anderson of the University Department of Horticulture to explain their parts of the work. May is the Plant Auction.

## Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

These reports were given and approved. The financial status for 2000 were positive and resulted in being under budget, even with a slightly over budget for the Holiday Party because of a reduced attendance

## Membership Secretary's report:

Jackie has revised our Membership Brochure and Application to reflect that MSHS membership is optional and she will have 100 of each printed.

## Committee Reports:

Calendars

Dave reported we have sold 360 which is down from last year. They emailed or called everyone in December who had not yet bought any. We still have 140 on hand, but we got a price break by ordering 500, so expenses are the same.

## 2001 Convention meeting:

There is a meeting January 4 at the hotel. It was suggested that it would be good to have something about the convention in the Spray each month to keep members informed and encourage their participation. The total registration fee has been set and the charges for our members are being worked on.

## Old Business: none

## New Business

New Member:

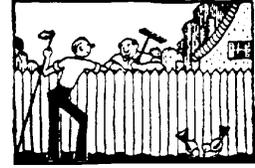
Maria Wetherall was voted into membership.

Club History

Howard handed out a list of all the MGCM Presidents and a list of the all members from the beginning of the club was circulated.

Ritchie Miller will write an article for the Spray including his interesting ideas about the history of the club and asking for a volunteer to be the Historian.

Ritchie had brought materials from the beginning of the club that told what they did at their meetings and other very interesting things. We thought perhaps the Historian would be able to search through these materials and provide occasional reports of old events for the Spray and membership meetings in addition to being the keeper of our history.



# Confessions of a Lazy Gardener

By Mary Maynard

This is the Lazy Gardener's annual report on the new stuff I tried last year. One of the many obstacles to an artistic landscape in my gardens is that I love to try new things. At times the resulting visual impact is unnerving. But I'm always hoping that I'll find the next *ageratum* 'Blue Horizon' or *salvia coccinea* 'Coral Nymph' that I'll grow every year from then on. They come few and far between, and I'm not sure I found anything in that class this year. Here's what I tried:

## **Nicandra 'Splash of Cream'.**

This looked promising in the catalog: annual, blue bell-shaped flowers above spreading variegated foliage. And good-sized, too, I think — growing to about 24 inches tall. But somehow it just didn't seem to make it in my garden. It grew vigorously enough, but the flowers were smaller and less noticeable than I expected, and the variegation on the leaves less pronounced. I don't think I'll repeat this, unless all the little ground-cherry-like seeds are waiting in the garden to germinate.

## **Diascia 'Rose Queen'.**

A pretty-looking Twinspur in a very nice deep pink color. These came up as very delicate, kind of gangly little plants, but they did grow on reasonably well in the garden. For most of the summer, they were kind of spindly, inconspicuous low-growing plants. Late in the summer, they put out quite a few small, intensely-colored flowers, and it kept blooming until a hard frost. The delicate little

flowers were attractive, but this was easily lost in my cluttered garden. I probably won't grow them again, but I might recommend them to someone with a more delicate, intimate setting. I see that Thompson & Morgan is offering seeds for this annual again this year.

*Tanacetum parthenum aureum* (Golden Feverfew). This was a "Praise-worthy Plant" in Fine Gardening last year, and it's not too bad. Has very gold leaves, and forms a nice clump. It had quite a few small daisy-like flowers late in the season, but I'd grow it mainly for the foliage, which was quite nice. It's supposed to be a perennial, but I'd bet it's a short-lived one like the *matricaria* that dies out and comes back from seed all over the place in my garden. I'll grow it again. The seeds were purchased from Parks.

## **Verbena canadensis.**

This is a Zone 6 perennial, and I have doubts about its ability to winter over here. But it germinated well, formed low-growing mat with magenta flowers. Made a nice border plant, and bloomed until it snowed. I might grow it again and I might not.

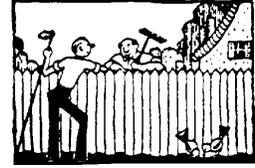
## **Verbascum 'Copper Rose'.**

Margaret Hibberd got seven seeds for something like \$6.00 from Thompson and Morgan. In her shoes, I would have hoarded every seedling for myself, but Margaret very generously gave me one. It formed a nice healthy rosette of leaves this year, but didn't send up a bloom spike. We'll see if it winters over and whether it blooms. The picture in the catalog was pretty cool.

## **Fennel 'Smokey Bronze'.**

I got free seeds from Yardware, where I was buying myself presents one day. (Yardware is on 44th St. in SW Minneapolis, and has very good presents.) I started these out in pots quite early, then

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## Confessions

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transplanted them to the garden. I think they would have done better being direct-seeded. Didn't seem to take transplanting all that well. But they turned out pretty nice — ferny bronze foliage that held up under light frosts. If I can get more free seeds, I'll probably grow this again.

### Pepper 'Blushing Beauty'.

I was very bummed when I saw that 'Jung's Yellow Belle' was not offered in 2000. I considered calling up Jung's and telling them how disappointed I was, but I was too lazy. So I tried 'Blushing Beauty'. Not bad. Sweet bell pepper that starts out yellow, gradually turns red as it ripens. As good a substitute for 'Yellow Belle' as can be expected.

### Marigold 'Antigua'.

I need to show five medium-to-large marigolds at the State Fair Flower Show. Most years, I'm agonizing about whether I'll have five good blossoms, since hybrids like 'First Lady' seem to bloom so late in my garden. This year, I got all the blooms I needed (and a Blue Ribbon at the Fair, she added modestly) from Antigua. This is a very short plant — probably not more than 12", but very productive. Wouldn't really work all that well as a cut flower, but looked pretty good in the front of my border.

### Canna "Striped Beauty".

I purchased this from Jungs. It grew about 4 ft. tall, had white striped leaves (not too gaudy, quite tasteful for white stripes), and a nice yellow bloom, sometimes tinted with red. I liked it. I kept the tubers. We'll find a home for them again next year.

### Canna 'Stuttgart'.

This is supposed to be a stunner. Chuck Levine raved about this in September, and other canna aficionados have expressed great enthusiasm. Hmmm.

They must not have been growing the same thing we had. Margaret and I got a real deal on this from Van Burgundian (or however it's spelled). We suspect that we have an inferior strain, because we got very little white on the leaves, and the plant overall was boring. We are quite, quite sure that it is not the fault of the growers. We are blaming Chuck Levine, since he's not here and probably doesn't read our newsletter. It could not possibly be that we got what we paid for.

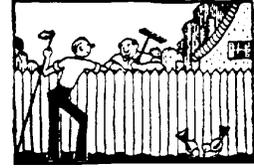
### Elephant Ears.

Fine Gardening has a bad effect on my garden budget by writing about these. A future article will be dedicated to Elephant Ears, which I thought were FABULOUS! Can't wait til next year to have MORE!

### Caladiums.

Thanks to Mel Anderson's excellent article in last year's *Spray*, I grew a few caladiums last year — a collection of six kinds from Jungs. They were wonderful — much easier than I thought they would be, and pretty forgiving of my lax watering schedule. Brightened up otherwise dull parts of my shady gardens. Definitely keepers, although I'm not sure I succeeded in keeping the bulbs over for next year. Oh well. Unfortunately, we got a hailstorm halfway through the season, and none of the leaves emerged unscathed, so I was not able to compete with Marilyn and Mel at our flower show. (Not that I would have prevailed anyway. Mel and Marilyn both had great specimens.) At least they're not as expensive as elephant ears. I already have plans for an expanded caladium planting in 2001.

The seed catalogs have already started to arrive, so I must wind up this report and begin preparation for my report on things I'm planning for next year. Isn't winter great? All that time to plan and dream for next summer.



# Club News

## New Board Members

You all probably know by now that we have two new board members, Wayne Engelman as a Director and Warren Nordley as our Vice President. So that we can all get to know them better the following was prepared.

### Wayne Engelman

Wayne was born in Norwood, Minnesota 66 years ago and has been married to Lois for 41 years. He also served in the Navy for 4 years and has lived in Minnetonka for 30 years. Lois and Wayne have four children and three grandchildren. He has been retired at the end of 1997 after working as a controller and a director for the same advertising agency for 31 years.

Hobbies include golf, travel and gardening. A comment by Howard Berg is that he always enjoys Wayne and Lois's garden because the arrangement of annuals and perennials is appealing during all the seasonal changes. Wayne and his wife Lois have been a members of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis for almost 3 years and have served on the Plant Auction and Perennial Garden committees. Now we have Wayne as a director on the board and an example for us all in his participation.

### Warren Nordley

Warren was born and raised in Superior, Wisconsin and spent a lot of his youth at his grandfather's farm where he was first introduced to gardening. He recently retired as president of Dayton's Travel Service after a 35-year career that began with the inception of the company. His wife Beverly is a 10-year flight attendant with Northwest Airlines and they have, together, enjoyed the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the

world. They have a son living in San Francisco and a daughter who's just been transferred to Brussels, Belgium on a temporary business assignment.

Warren is a board member of the Metropolitan Public Airport Foundation and dabbles in biking, running, cross-country skiing and woodworking.

Warren and Beverly, who live in Burnsville, recently installed a waterfall which, according to Warren, was a futile attempt to keep up with their good neighbor Jackie Overom. Nevertheless, they describe it as a lot of fun and a lot of rocks. Their garden was previously on a MGCM tour and was enjoyed by all who attended. A garden with rock features in the front and landscapes in the rear which border the shores of a small lake. Now with the new water feature, we are all eager to see it again

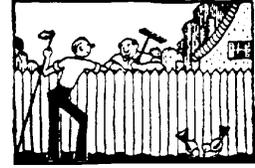
He joined MGCM in 1992 and is presently serving as our Vice President.

### Thanks

Thanks to both Wayne and Warren for serving on the board.

## New Member

Our latest new member is Maria Wetherall. She and her garden reside in Golden Valley. It appears she is employed at the Courage Center since her email address is mariaw@courage.org. It is also evident she is interested in personal fitness with hobbies of cross country skiing, running, biking and gardening. She has landscaped her yard and has a garden but says she is new to gardening and wants to learn more about plants, laying out gardens and landscaping. It sounds like she is one of us since that is the goal we all have. Welcome to the group. The tour and the perennial garden committees have also received a new face since she signed up for these committees.



# More Club News

## The convention

By Duane Reynolds  
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The clock is slowly ticking for the MGCM convention. Club members have asked about "club member" registration and the board has approved partial registrations for our members and spouses, so we can pay for the events we wish to attend. Since many of us will be "working" the event we will be limited as far as ability to attend all events so we will pay only for the meals, tours and sessions we can attend. In a future Spray we will have "club" registration.

Two committees need chairpersons, Registration/Hospitality and Fund Raising. Fund raising may be the most pressing at this time. During the last convention we sought and raised charitable contributions to offset expenses. We need a volunteer to lead the current effort and members who are "well connected" or have a gift of gab; we know who you are so you might as well volunteer now and be a hero.

Registration/hospitality seems like a big job but it usually has the largest number of volunteers to do the job. A team approach to the chairperson role would be great. Give me a call please!!

Mary is working on the tours, Andy the publicity, Russell already has the speakers, Lynda the meals, Carol Ann awards and Howard the financial books, but they all need committee members call them now to select the "easy" jobs. We will start the "arm twisting" (commonly called recruiting) in February. Remember lets have .... Gardening for Fun in 2001

## Hospitalizations

Charles Benson had a heart bypass and is home recovering.

Clyde Thompson has had surgery for cataracts and a detached retina and is home recovering. Roger Koopmans is again back in the Rochester Hospital for diagnosis and treatment. We wish and pray that each of them have a speedy recovery. Mail a note to them since I am sure they all need a little cheer.

## Adopt-a-Garden

The Minnesota State Fair is presenting an opportunity to organizations to plan, plant and maintain a garden on the State Fair Grounds. The club will get recognition via a sign at the garden. If anyone in the club is interested in taking the leadership for this call Carole Ann Brekke.

## Calendars

Starting February 1, 2001, the calendars will be on sale at a 50% reduction. For \$2.00 you can have a nice calendar for every room. All proceeds go into the clubs general fund. Contact Dave Johnson (Fridley) or Don Trocke, They will also be available at our February meeting.

## Directory Corrections

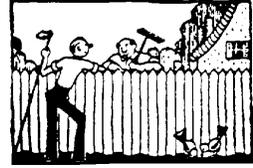
Sher Curry's home phone should be 763-537-7071. The area code for Howard and Ruth Berg and Carole Ann Brekke should be 952. If there is any other errors send them on to Chuck Carlson and he will publish them in the "Spray"

## The Bronze Medal

The Bronze Medal for 2001 was awarded to Joe Stenger. Congratulations Joe.

## Flower Show

The national flower and vegetable for the August flower show is the Eggplant and Lisianthus.



# The Lily Garden

By Chuck Carlson

I just receive a lily catalog called the Lily Garden. It is a great reference and supplier of lilies from a company called Columbia-Platt Lilies in Vancouver WA. I excerpted a couple of paragraphs from their catalog which I thought may be interesting to those of you who may want to grow a few lilies.

“Lilies will bring beauty, color and fragrance to your garden for many years; they only require you to plant them in the right place and provide for their simple needs. Choose a well drained location with at least half a day of sunshine. If it's too shady, the stems will stretch and lean towards the sun; trumpet lilies are the most shade sensitive. Lilies love full sun, as long as the bulbs are deep enough to keep cool when temperatures soar. They also enjoy mulch.

Look for a spot that is the first to dry out after a rain. Lilies can be bothered by botrytis, a fungus that spots the leaves in prolonged cool weather. This should not

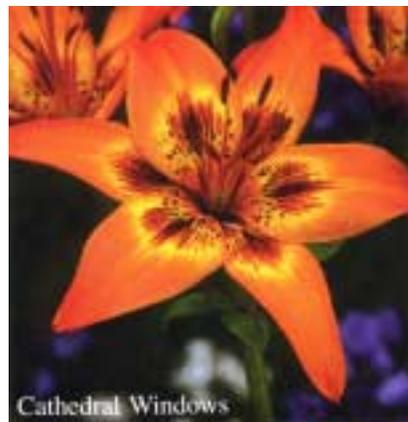
be a problem in a home garden if you provide good air circulation and space the plants so the leaves can dry out after rain. If you do see brown spots on the leaves, use a copper-based spray or any fungicide recommended for roses.”

I went through the catalog and picked out a few that struck my fancy. Most of these were developed by Colum-

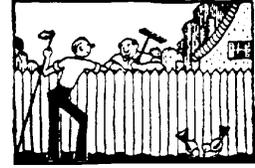
bia- Platt Lilies so may only be available through them. Here are my selections based only on eye appeal from pictures in their catalog.

‘Center Stage’  
‘Chianti’  
‘Tinkerbell’  
‘Passionate’  
‘Jubileo’;  
Tiger Babies’  
‘Cathedral Windows’  
‘Razzle Dazzle’  
‘Flirt’  
‘Arena’  
‘Stargazer’

All the above are Asiatics except for ‘Arena’ and ‘Stargazer’ which are Orientals. If you want to investigate further, try their website, [[www.thelilygarden.com](http://www.thelilygarden.com)] I haven't tried it but if it is as good as the catalog the site should receive a passing grade.



*Photos extracted from  
The Lily Garden catalog*



# At The Arboretum

Below is a listing of a few classes at the arboretum. You can call the arboretum at 952-443-1516 for more details.

## **The Shade Garden**

Saturday, February 10  
10 am - 12 noon

## **Landscaping for Wildlife**

Saturday, February 10  
1-3 pm

## **Iris for Minnesota Gardens**

Saturday, February 17  
10 am - 12 noon

## **Fatal Flowers: Toxic Plants in the Landscape**

Saturday, February 17  
1-3 pm

## **Native & Ornamental Grasses for the Garden**

Thursday, February 22  
10 am - 12 noon

## **Spring Into Action: Successful Gardening**

Saturday, March 10  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

# Chelsea

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tured a broad variety of horticultural interests-irises, bromeliads, sweet peas, orchids, streptocarpus, thyme, strawberries, and lupines-all masterfully displayed. Another favorite, the punnish "flower bedroom" was all leaves and flowers, from the bed covers to the floor "carpeted" with two shades of green plants. Being a millennial event, one hundred years of irises was topped by 200 years of clematis.

The presenters exercised their knowledge and all but perfect note-taking skills, with Peter admitting he had lost the paper with the name of one specimen on it. And the club exercised its collective know-how by answering each of the identification questions intended to stump us.

Early in their presentation, they stated, "May is the worst time for Minnesotans to leave their gardens, but it is the best time to see the English gardens." It was well proven in this memorable evening.

## **Happy Valentines Day**

# Reservation Details

Call Mary Maynard to make your reservation or to adjust the permanent list. Check your mailing label. If it has a "p" or "pp" (one or two reservations) you are on the permanent list. If there is no "p" on your mailing label, you are not on the permanent reservation list and must notify Mary Maynard by the Friday before the dinner meeting to be assured a place at dinner. For you people getting the spray via email check the message on the email to determine if you are on the list.

If you are on the permanent list and will not attend, you must notify Mary by the same deadline or risk being responsible for the cost of your dinner. Mary can be reached at 952-926-7506. Leave a message on her voice mail if you can't reach her in person or send her an email at [mary.j.maynard@healthpartners.com](mailto:mary.j.maynard@healthpartners.com). If you have reserved a dinner and on Monday or Tuesday you have an emergency where you find you can't attend, call Howard Berg. If the reservation can be sold to latecomers or drop-ins, you will not be billed.

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